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Lesson 1: Introduction to God's Attributes

John 17:3 - ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Romans 1:18-20 – ¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 - ²³ Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; ²⁴ But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the LORD.

It is our desire that each one of us would know God better. It is widely agreed that the best way to understand and know God is to study His Attributes. Over the next few weeks we will study the following attributes of God.

God is Sovereign, God is Omnipotent, God is Omniscient, God is Omnipresent, God is Holy, God is Love, God is Merciful, God is Gracious, God is Wise, God is Just, God is Eternal, God is Infinite, God is Incomprehensible, God is Immutable

What is an Attribute?

- A quality or characteristic that someone or something has.¹
- God's attributes are not like the individual pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, which, when put together, make God what He is. Rather, each attribute completely describes what God is like. In other words, God is not part holy, part love, etc.; rather, He is completely holy and completely loving, etc.²
- Attributes are not what God has - Attributes are what God is.

God's attributes can be divided into two distinct categories:

Attributes of Greatness

- Attributes of greatness are those attributes which God possesses exclusively.
- They are descriptive of God and God alone.
- Examples include God's sovereignty, omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence.

Attributes of Goodness

- Attributes of goodness are those attributes which God possesses to a perfect degree and which may be found to a limited degree in mankind.
- Examples include God's wisdom, holiness, love, mercy, grace, and justice.

There are degrees of knowing God.

¹ <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/attribute>

² <http://www.freesundayschoollessons.org/systematic-theology/the-attributes-of-god-lesson-1-introduction-to-gods-attributes/>

- The measure in which we know God is determined by the measure we receive from Him. The more we receive (hear, obey, “live out”) His Word, the more we shall know Him.

John 14:9 – ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

Philippians 3:8-10 – ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹ if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

What are the benefits of knowing God?³

We Shall Be Built Up

- By knowing Him we become spiritually strong, virile, robust men and women.

Ephesians 6:10 – ¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

Colossians 2:6-7 – ⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷ rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

2 Peter 3:18 – ¹⁸ but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

- There is no need to be a weak, anemic Christian.

Daniel 11:32 – ³² Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.

We Shall Deal Drastically With Sin

- Our bodies are the temples (tabernacles) of God, and when and as we really know God we shall share His hatred of sin and we shall deal with it –

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 – ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

2 Corinthians 7:1 - Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

We Shall Live and Enriched Life

- As we know God better and our lives come into alignment with His word we will begin to experience an enriched life.

Colossians 2:9-10 – ⁹ For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰ and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

³ <https://www.wordsoflife.co.uk/bible-studies/study-2-the-benefits-of-knowing-god/>

Romans 8:16-17 – ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

John 14:27 – ²⁷ Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 15:11 – ¹¹ “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

2 Corinthians 12:9 – ⁹ And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

We Shall Delight In The Lord Himself

- This means that we shall be weaned away from earthly and temporal things, for which we may be very grateful but which will always disappoint, and we shall find our true satisfaction in the Lord Himself, who never changes and who will never disappoint.

Hebrews 13:8 – ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

- As we get to know God, our delight increases in His gifts, His service, His house, but most of all, in Himself! Also, we begin to find a new desire for the things which give Him pleasure.

Psalms 37:4 – ⁴ Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

We Shall Receive Answers To Prayer

- Prayer is the great privilege of every Christian, even the youngest; but the testimony of the whole Bible and of experience proves that it is the people who really know God intimately who receive answers to their prayers.

1 John 3:22 – ²² And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

1 John 5:14-15 – ¹⁴ Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

We Shall Have A Fruitful Testimony

- If we really know God and are working according to His gracious will, none of our work will be lost.

Mark 14:8-9 – ⁸ She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial. ⁹ Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.”

1 Corinthians 15:58 – ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

We Shall Have God's Smile Upon Our Life

- That speaks of His good pleasure, of His guidance, of His blessing.

Numbers 6:24-26 –²⁴ “The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; ²⁶The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.” ’

Psalms 90:17 –¹⁷ And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.

Proverbs 4:18 – ¹⁸ But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.

Lesson 2: God is Sovereign⁴

Sovereignty Defined

The word “sovereign” has as its root the verb “reign,” meaning to rule. The prefix sove is derived from super, meaning over or above. To say that God is sovereign is to say that He rules over all. To put it in even simpler terms, God is the “boss” of everything.

1 Chronicles 29:11-12 - ¹¹Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, And You are exalted as head over all. ¹²Both riches and honor come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great And to give strength to all.

- He is the “God of gods”

Deuteronomy 10:17 - ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.

- the “King of kings” and the “Lord of lords”

1 Timothy 6:15 - ¹³I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, ¹⁴that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ’s appearing, ¹⁵which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

Revelation 17:14 - ¹⁴These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.”

Revelation 19:16 - ¹⁶And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

Some Things Over Which God is Sovereign

- God rules over the nations

Psalms 22:28 - ²⁸For the kingdom is the LORD’s, And He rules over the nations.

Psalms 103:19 - ¹⁹The LORD has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules over all.

- Human rulers

Proverbs 21:1 - The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.

Romans 13:1 - Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

⁴ <http://www.freesundayschoollessons.org/systematic-theology/the-attributes-of-god-lesson-2-god-is-sovereign/>

- The weather

Jonah 1:4 - ⁴ But the LORD sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up.

Jonah 4:8 - ⁸ And it happened, when the sun arose, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat on Jonah's head, so that he grew faint. Then he wished death for himself, and said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

Mark 4:41 - ⁴¹ And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

- The animal kingdom

Jonah 1:17 - ¹⁷ Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Jonah 2:10 - ¹⁰ So the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Jonah 4:7 - ⁷ But as morning dawned the next day God prepared a worm, and it so damaged the plant that it withered.

Matthew 10:29 - ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will.

- The plant kingdom

Jonah 4:6 - ⁶ And the LORD God prepared a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be shade for his head to deliver him from his misery. So Jonah was very grateful for the plant.

Some Implications of God's Sovereignty

- Because God is sovereign, He has the right to tell us what to do.
 - The only proper response to God's demands is unconditional obedience.
 - This starts with surrendering oneself to God at salvation (lordship) and continues throughout one's Christian life by obeying the commands of Scripture.
- Because God is sovereign, we can rest secure.

Matthew 11:28 – Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

- God controls all things. Nothing happens without His permission.
 - We don't have to worry about anything. It's all in His hands.
 - Our only "concern" is to do what He tells us to do, leaving the results with Him.
- Because God is sovereign, we should worship Him.

1 Chronicles 29:10-13 - ¹⁰ Therefore David blessed the LORD before all the assembly; and David said: "Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. ¹¹Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, And You are exalted as head over all. ¹²Both riches and honor come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great And to give strength to all. ¹³Now therefore, our God, We thank You And praise Your glorious name.

Lesson 3: God is Omnipotent⁵

Omnipotent Defined

The word “omnipotent” is a compound, consisting of the prefix “omni,” meaning all, and the root “potent,” meaning powerful. Put the two together and you have the literal meaning of the term: God is omnipotent, that is, He is all-powerful.

The word “Almighty” is used 56 times in Scripture, and all 56 refer to God

Scripture About God’s Omnipotence

Revelation 19:6 - And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, “Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

Genesis 17:1 - When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.

Psalms 62:11 - God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God.

Jeremiah 32:27 - “Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?

Luke 1:37 - For with God nothing will be impossible.”

Note: Technically-speaking, God cannot do things that are inconsistent with His nature or character.

- Example God cannot lie

Hebrews 6:17-18 - ¹⁷ Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, ¹⁸ that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

Titus 1:1-3 – ¹ Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God’s elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, ² in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, ³ but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;

God’s Omnipotence Displayed

- In Creation.

Romans 1:20-21 - ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

⁵ <http://www.freesundaysschoollessons.org/systematic-theology/attributes-of-god-lesson-3-god-is-omnipotent/>

- Genesis 1 & 2 talk about creation
- God's power is never diminished. When He finished creating, He did not rest because He was weary.
 - God does not get tired

Isaiah 40:28 – ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

- He rested on the seventh day to set a pattern for us.

Exodus 20:8-11 - ⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

- In salvation.
 - Perhaps the greatest display of God's power occurs when He supernaturally changes the very nature of the human heart at the moment of salvation, transforming a rebellious, hell-bound sinner into a righteous, heaven-bound saint.

Matthew 19:23-26 - And Jesus said to His disciples, “Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this, they were very astonished and said, “Then who can be saved?” And looking at them Jesus said to them, “With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

- In sanctification.
 - God is powerful enough not only to save a soul, but also to keep a soul saved.

John 10:28-29 - I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

1 Peter 1:3-5 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance, which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

- In resurrection.

1 Corinthians 6:14 - Now God has not only raised the Lord but will also raise us up through His power.

Implications of God's Omnipotence

- Because God is omnipotent we are totally dependent on Him.

Matthew 6:11 - Give us this day our daily bread.

Acts 17:25 - Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

John 15:5 - "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

- Because God is omnipotent, we should revere Him.

Psalm 33:8-9 – Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. ⁹For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

- Because God is omnipotent, we do not need to worry.

Psalm 27:1-3 - The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid? ²When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell. ³Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, In this I will be confident.

Psalm 46:1-3 - God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. ²Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; ³Though its waters roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling.

Lesson 4: God is Omniscient⁶

Omniscience Defined

The word “omniscience” is a compound, consisting of the prefix “omni,” meaning all, and the root “science,” meaning knowledge. Put the two together and you have the literal meaning of the term: God is omniscient, that is, He is all-knowing.

- He “knows all things”

1 John 3:20 – For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

John 21:17 - ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.”

- His understanding is infinite”

Psalms 147:5 – Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.

Romans 11:33 – Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgements and His ways past finding out.

- He is “perfect in knowledge”

Job 37:16 – Do you know how the clouds are balanced, those wondrous works of Him who is perfect in knowledge?

- God has all knowledge; thus, He is the source of all the knowledge possessed by mankind.

Some Things Which God Knows

- The number and names of the stars.

Psalms 147:4 – He counts the number of the stars: He calls them by name.

Isaiah 40:26 - ²⁶ Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out like an army, one after another, calling each by its name. Because of his great power and incomparable strength, not a single one is missing.

- The number of hairs on your head.

Matthew 10:30 – But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

- Man’s thoughts, words, actions, and motives.

Psalms 139:1-4 – O Lord, You have searched me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thoughts afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

⁶ <http://www.freesundayschoollessons.org/systematic-theology/attributes-of-god-lesson-4-god-is-omniscient/>

- God knows everything we think, say, and do, and why we think what we think, say what we say, and do what we do.

Some Implications of God's Omniscience

- Because God is omniscient, we are accountable to Him.

Hebrews 4:13 – ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

2 Corinthians 5:10 – ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

- Because God is omniscient, we should be motivated to forsake sin and pursue righteousness

Psalms 119:168 – ¹⁶⁸ I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies, For all my ways are before You.

1 Timothy 6:11 – ¹¹ But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

2 Timothy 2:22 – ²² Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

- As Tozer states: “That God knows each person through and through can be a cause of shaking fear to the man that has something to hide—some unforsaken sin, some secret crime committed against man or God” (Tozer, p. 57).

- Because God is omniscient, we should invite His scrutiny.

Psalms 139:23-24 – ²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; ²⁴ And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalms 26:2 – ² Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; Try my mind and my heart.

- God's omniscience is not only a cause for concern, but also for comfort.

Tozer said, “To us who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope that is set before us in the gospel, how unutterably sweet is the knowledge that our Heavenly Father knows us completely. No talebearer can inform on us, no enemy can make an accusation stick; no forgotten skeleton can come tumbling out of some hidden closet to abash us and expose our past; no unsuspected weakness in our characters can come to light to turn God away from us, since He knew us utterly before we knew Him and called us to Himself in the full knowledge of everything that was against us”.⁷

⁷ A. W. Tozer, *The Attributes of God: A Journey Into The Father's Heart*, pg. 57

Lesson 5: God is Omnipresent⁸

Omnipresence Defined

The word “omnipresence” is a compound, consisting of the prefix “omni,” meaning all, and the root “present”. God is all-present, everywhere. Being infinite (unlimited), God is not limited by space

Jeremiah 23:23-24 - “*Am I a God near at hand,*” says the LORD, “*And not a God afar off? Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?*” says the LORD; “*Do I not fill heaven and earth?*” says the LORD.

Some Implications of God’s Omnipresence

God’s omnipresence is a cause for concern.

- Because God is omnipresent, we cannot escape from Him.

Jeremiah 23:24 - “*Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?*” says the LORD; “*Do I not fill heaven and earth?*” says the LORD.

Psalms 139:7-10 – Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You *are there*. If I take the wings of the morning, *And* dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, *And* Your right hand shall hold me.

God’s omnipresence is a comfort.

- God is with us even during times of trouble.

Psalms 46:1-3 - God *is* our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, *And* though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; *Though* its waters roar *and* be troubled, *Though* the mountains shake with its swelling.

- God will never leave us

Matthew 28:18-20 - And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.

Hebrews 13:5-6 - Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” So we may boldly say: “The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”

- If you are a believer, not only is God *near* you, He’s *in* you.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 - Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

⁸ <http://www.freesundaysschoollessons.org/systematic-theology/attributes-of-god-lesson-5-god-is-omnipresent/>

Lesson 6: God is Holy⁹

What is Holiness?

The basic idea of the word “holy” is separation. To say that God is holy means that He is separate from everything else. He is unique, one-of-a-kind, in a class by Himself. This is true in two respects:

God is separate from everything else in a metaphysical sense. Metaphysical means a reality beyond what is perceptible to the senses. God is separate from everything in creation.

- There is no other being like God.

Exodus 15:11 - Who is like You among the gods, O LORD? Who is like you, O LORD? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, Awesome in praises, working wonders?”

1 Samuel 2:2 – No one is holy like the Lord, For there is none besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God.

Isaiah 40:25 – “To whom then will you liken Me, Or to whom shall I be equal?”, says the Holy One.

- God is so great that He defies comparison

Isaiah 46:5 – To whom will you liken Me, and make Me equal and compare Me, that we should be alike?

God is separate from everything else in a moral sense. Moral means relating to principles of right and wrong in behavior. God is completely separate from sin.

1 John 1:5 – God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

- God is totally set apart from sin.
- Holiness in God involves not only the absence of evil, but also the presence of good.
- God is perfectly pure.

Some Implications of God’s Holiness

- Because God is holy, we should glorify Him.

Revelation 15:4 – Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy.

Psalms 99:5 – Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool – He is holy.

Psalms 99:9 – Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy hill; for the Lord our God is holy.

- Whatever the attribute, we should glorify God simply for who He is (not just for what He does).
- Because God is holy, we should acknowledge we are unholy.

⁹ <http://www.freesundayschoollessons.org/systematic-theology/attributes-of-god-lesson-6-god-is-holy/>

Isaiah 6:5 “Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts”.

Luke 5:8-9 - But when Simon Peter saw that, he fell down at Jesus’ feet, saying, “Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!” For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken.

- The reason why we don’t fully understand just how sinful we are is because we don’t fully understand just how holy God.
- Because God is holy, we should be holy.

1 Peter 1:15-16 – but as He who has called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because is it written, “Be holy, for I am holy”.

Matthew 5:48 – Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Philippians 3:12-14 - Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

1 John 3:2-3 - Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Lesson 7: God is Love¹⁰

What is Love?

Love is one of the most misunderstood words in the English language. According to most people, love is the warm, fuzzy feeling you get when you're with someone you really like. According to Scripture, however, love is something altogether different. Rather than a feeling, love is a choice; rather than an emotion, it is an act of the will.

Hosea 14:4 - The LORD says, "Then I will heal you of your faithlessness; my love will know no bounds, for my anger will be gone forever.

Matthew 5:44 - But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!

- Love is not some passive feeling that suddenly and inexplicably comes over you.
- Love is an active choice that is purposefully and thoughtfully made.
- Love is not something you "fall into"; instead, it's something you "do."
- Love is not without feeling. Feelings are a natural by-product of the choice to love, but they are not love itself.

God's Love Declared

1 John 4:8 - But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1 John 4:16 - We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

- Love is part of God's very nature or essence.
- It is essential to His being.
- It is impossible for God to be unloving. If he was, He wouldn't be God.
- Everything God does can be characterized by His love.

God's Love Described

God's love is unconditional. God's love for the believer comes with "no strings attached." He does not love us only if or when we meet certain criteria. He loves us regardless of who we are or what we do. He loves us because He has chosen to love us. Period.

- God chose Israel because of His love.

Deuteronomy 7:7-8 - ⁷"The LORD did not set his heart on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other nations, for you were the smallest of all nations! ⁸Rather, it was simply that the LORD loves you, and he was keeping the oath he had sworn to your ancestors. That is why the LORD rescued you with such a strong hand from your slavery and from the oppressive hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt.

- God chose us because of His love.

Romans 5:8 - ⁸But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

¹⁰ <http://www.freesundayschoollessons.org/systematic-theology/attributes-of-god-lesson-7-god-is-loving/>

God's love is unstoppable. There is nothing you can do, believer, to cause God to stop loving you.

Romans 8:35, 38, 39 - ³⁵Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? ³⁸And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. ³⁹No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Psalms 103:17-18 - ¹⁷But the love of the LORD remains forever with those who fear him. His salvation extends to the children's children ¹⁸of those who are faithful to his covenant, of those who obey his commandments!

God's love cannot be understood.

Ephesians 3:19 - ¹⁹May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

God's Love Demonstrated

John 15:13 - ¹³There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Galatians 2:20 - ²⁰My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Ephesians 5:2 - ²Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

Some Implications of God's Love

Because God is loving, we should praise Him.

Psalms 63:6 - ³Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you!

Because God is loving, He disciplines us.

Hebrews 12:6 - ⁶For the LORD disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child."

Because God is loving, we ought to be loving.

John 15:12 - ¹²This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.

Lesson 8: God is Merciful¹¹

We have studied that God is sovereign, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, holy and love.

What is Mercy?

Mercy - kindness that makes you forgive someone, usually someone that you have authority over: (Cambridge Dictionary).

Jesus taught a parable (“an earthly story with a heavenly meaning”) about a Pharisee and a tax collector. In the parable, the Pharisee proudly boasted about his “righteousness,” while the tax collector humbly confessed his sinfulness.

Luke 18:13 – ¹³ “But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, ‘O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.’”

God is Merciful

Psalm 86:15 - ¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are a God of compassion and mercy, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness.

2 Corinthians 1:3 - ³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort.

We Do Not Receive What We Deserve

- Mercy – not receiving what we deserve. We all deserve to be punished in hell for our sinful ways, but God’s mercy does not give us what we deserve.

Ezra 9:13 - ¹³ “Now we are being punished because of our wickedness and our great guilt. But we have actually been punished far less than we deserve, for you, our God, have allowed some of us to survive as a remnant.”

Psalm 103:10-12 – ¹⁰ He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; ¹² As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

We are Saved because God is Merciful and God Loves Us

Ephesians 2:4-6 - ⁴ But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!) ⁶ For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

¹¹ <http://www.freesundayschoollessons.org/systematic-theology/attributes-of-god-lesson-8-god-is-merciful/>

Some Implications of God's Mercy

Because God is merciful, we should be merciful.

Luke 6:36 - ³⁶ Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Matthew 5:7 - ⁷ God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

- We should be as merciful to other as we want God to be toward us.

Because God is merciful, we should be grateful.

Romans 9:15-16 - ¹⁵ For God said to Moses, "I will show mercy to anyone I choose, and I will show compassion to anyone I choose." ¹⁶ So it is God who decides to show mercy. We can neither choose it nor work for it.

- God in His mercy unconditionally saves repentant sinners, sparing them from the calamitous consequences of their sin. If this fact does not produce in the believer an "attitude of gratitude," nothing will.
- Many people ask the question, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" the Bible tells us there are not any good people.

Mark 10:18 – ¹⁸ So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.

Romans 3:10-12 - ¹⁰ As it is written: There is none righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. ¹² They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one."

- The true question is, "Why do good things ever happen to bad people?"
- The answer: Because God is Merciful.

Because God is merciful, we should be humble.

Luke 18:13-14 - ¹³ "But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

- Like the tax collector in the parable referred to earlier, we should be humbled by the thought of God's mercy. The more we fully understand what mercy is, the more humbled we should be that God has chosen to shed it upon us so abundantly.

Lesson 9: God is Gracious¹²

Declaration

Psalm 116:5 – Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; Yes, our God is merciful.

Psalm 86:15 – But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

Psalm 103:8 – The LORD is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

Definition

God's grace is His unearned and undeserved favor shown toward sinners.

- Mercy – God not giving us what we deserve
- Grace – God giving us what we do not deserve

Displayed

In Salvation

Romans 3:24 - being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

Ephesians 1:7 - In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

Ephesians 2:8-9 - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

2 Timothy 1:9 - who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began

In suffering.

2 Corinthians 12:7-9 – And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”

Some Implications of God's Grace

Because God is gracious, we should be gracious.

Matthew 5:44 -45 - But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

¹² <http://www.freesundayschoollessons.org/systematic-theology/attributes-of-god-lesson-9-god-is-gracious/>

Because God is gracious, we should be humble.

1 Corinthians 15:10 - But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

Because God is gracious, we should be thankful.

2 Corinthians 9:14-15 - and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

Because God is gracious, we live for Him

Titus 2:11-14 - For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

Lesson 10: God is Wise¹³

Basic Scriptures

Job 9:4 – ⁴ God is wise in heart and mighty in strength. Who has hardened himself against Him and prospered?

Job 12:13 – ¹³ “With Him are wisdom and strength, He has counsel and understanding.

Daniel 2:20 - ²⁰ Daniel answered and said: “Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His.

Romans 11:33 - ³³ Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

Jude 25 - To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

1 Timothy 1:17 - ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Difference between Knowledge and Wisdom

Knowledge

Is the possession or accumulation of facts

Mental or intellectual ability

Wisdom

The proper use or application of facts

Moral or ethical ability

- A person can possess a lot of knowledge and yet not be wise. On the other hand, a person can have very little knowledge and be very wise.
- This does not mean that knowledge is unimportant, and you can quit school. The important thing is to put the knowledge you have into practice.

God’s Wisdom Displayed

God’s wisdom is displayed in creation.

Psalm 104:24 – ²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions.

God’s wisdom is displayed in salvation.

Ephesians 3:10-11 – ¹⁰ to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, ¹¹ according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,

¹³ <http://www.freesundayschoollessons.org/systematic-theology/attributes-of-god-lesson-10-god-is-wise/>

Implications of God's Wisdom

Because God is wise, we should glorify Him.

Romans 16:27 - ²⁷ to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

Because God is wise, do not trust in your own wisdom.

Proverbs 3:5-8 – ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. ⁸ It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.

Because God is wise, ask Him for wisdom.

Proverbs 2:6-7 – ⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding; ⁷ He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly;

James 1:5 - ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

Because God is wise, acknowledge He is wiser than any man

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 - ²² For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

James 3:17 - ¹⁷ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

Lesson 11: God is Just¹⁴

Just - acting or being in conformity with what is morally upright or good¹⁵

Justice - the maintenance or administration of what is just especially by the impartial adjustment of conflicting claims or the assignment of merited rewards or punishments¹⁶

The words Justice and Righteousness come from the same root word in the Greek and in most cases can be used interchangeably.

Scripture Reference

Deuteronomy 32:4 – He is the Rock; his deeds are perfect. Everything he does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright he is!

Psalms 7:11 – God is a just judge, And God is angry with the wicked every day.

Psalms 25:8-9 - Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way. The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way.

Daniel 4:37 – “Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and glorify and honor the King of heaven. All his acts are just and true, and he is able to humble the proud.”

2 Thessalonians 1:6 – ⁶In his justice he will pay back those who persecute you.

Psalms 9:8 – ⁸He will judge the world with justice and rule the nations with fairness.

Psalms 96:12-13 – Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy! Let the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he is coming! He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with justice, and the nations with his truth.

Acts 17:31 – For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead.”

Romans 2:5-8 – ⁵But because you are stubborn and refuse to turn from your sin, you are storing up terrible punishment for yourself. For a day of anger is coming, when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed. ⁶He will judge everyone according to what they have done. ⁷He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers. ⁸But he will pour out his anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness.

Some Implications of God’s Justice

Because God is just, we should do good.

Galatians 6:9-10 – ⁹So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up. ¹⁰Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

¹⁴ <http://www.freesundayschoollessons.org/systematic-theology/attributes-of-god-lesson-11-god-is-just/>

¹⁵ <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/just>

¹⁶ <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/justice>

Because God is just, we should care about justice.

Proverbs 29:7 - The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern.

Matthew 23:23 - ²³ “What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.

Because God is just, we should not take justice into our own hands.

Romans 12:19-20 – ¹⁹ Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, “I will take revenge; I will pay them back,” says the LORD. Instead, “If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads.”

Lesson 12: God is Eternal¹⁷

Definition:

- God has no beginning or end

Scripture:

Psalm 90:2 - ² Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from beginning to end, you are God.

Isaiah 9:6 - ⁶ For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Romans 16:26 - ²⁶ But now as the prophets foretold and as the eternal God has commanded, this message is made known to all Gentiles everywhere, so that they too might believe and obey him.

1 Timothy 1:17 - ¹⁷ All honor and glory to God forever and ever! He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. Amen.

Explanation:

- What a “mind-boggling” attribute! God was never born, and He will never die.
- There was never a time when God was not.
- God is.

Exodus 3:14 - ¹⁴ God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you.”

John 8:58 - ⁵⁸ Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I AM!”

- He is timeless, transcending time.
- God neither has “age” nor does He “age”.
- God created time. Time is inconsequential to God

Psalm 90:4 - ⁴ For you, a thousand years are as a passing day, as brief as a few night ours.

2 Peter 3:8 - ⁸ But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day.

God is eternal; therefore, every promise endures for all generations.¹⁸

- Salvation

Hebrews 5:9 - And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

- Inheritance

¹⁷ <http://www.freesundayschoollessons.org/systematic-theology/attributes-of-god-lesson-12-other-attributes/>

¹⁸ <https://www.allaboutgod.com/god-is-eternal-bible-verses-faq.htm>

Hebrews 9:15 - And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

- Wisdom

Ephesians 3:11-12 - to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,

God is eternal; therefore, all that He provides extends into eternity.

- Security

Deuteronomy 33:27 - The eternal God is your refuge, And underneath are the everlasting arms; He will thrust out the enemy from before you, And will say, 'Destroy!'

- Strength

Isaiah 40:28-29 - Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength.

- Heavenly Home

2 Corinthians 5:1 – For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

God is eternal; therefore, His purposes for His creation remain everlasting.

- Redemption

Hebrews 9:12-14 – Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

- Renewal

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 - Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, ¹⁸ while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

- Everlasting Life

1 Timothy 1:15-17 - This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. ¹⁶ However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor

Lesson 13: God is Infinite¹⁹

Definition:

- God is unlimited and unlimitable

Scripture:

1 Kings 8:27 - ²⁷“But will God really live on earth? Why, even the highest heavens cannot contain you. How much less this Temple I have built!

Job 11:7-9 - ⁷“Can you solve the mysteries of God? Can you discover everything about the Almighty? ⁸Such knowledge is higher than the heavens and who are you? It is deeper than the underworld what do you know? ⁹It is broader than the earth and wider than the sea.

Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Revelation 1:8 - ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end,” says the Lord God. “I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One.”

Revelation 4:8 - ⁸Each of these living beings had six wings, and their wings were covered all over with eyes, inside and out. Day after day and night after night they keep on saying, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty the one who always was, who is, and who is still to come.”

Psalms 147:5 - ⁵Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.

Isaiah 40:28 - ²⁸Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding.

Explanation:

God is not limited by time (He is eternal).

God is not limited by space (He is omnipresent).

God is unlimited in knowledge (He is omniscient).

God is unlimited in power (He is omnipotent).

God is unlimited in authority (He is sovereign).

Only God is infinite; everything else is finite (limited).

There is an infinite gap between God and everything else.

¹⁹ <http://www.freesundayschoollessons.org/systematic-theology/attributes-of-god-lesson-12-other-attributes/>

Lesson 14: God is Incomprehensible²⁰

Definition

- Incomprehensible – not able to be fully understood
- Scripture teaches that we can have a true and personal knowledge of God, but this does not mean we will ever understand him exhaustively. The Bible is clear that God is ultimately incomprehensible to us; that is, we can never fully comprehend his whole being.²¹

Scripture

Psalm 145:3 – ³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable.

Job 11:7-9 – ⁷“Can you solve the mysteries of God? Can you discover everything about the Almighty? ⁸Such knowledge is higher than the heavens— and who are you? It is deeper than the underworld— what do you know? ⁹It is broader than the earth and wider than the sea.

Job 26:14 – ¹⁴These are just the beginning of all that he does, merely a whisper of his power. Who, then, can comprehend the thunder of his power?”

Job 37:5 – ⁵God’s voice is glorious in the thunder. We can’t even imagine the greatness of his power.

Isaiah 55:8-9 – ⁸“My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the LORD. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. ⁹For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

Romans 11:33-34 – ³³Oh, how great are God’s riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways!

Psalm 139:6 – ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!

- These verses teach that not only is God’s whole being incomprehensible but each of his attributes—his greatness, power, thoughts, ways, wisdom, and judgments—are well beyond human ability to fathom fully. Not only can we never know everything there is to know about God, we can never know everything there is to know about even one aspect of God’s character or work.²²
- The main reason God can never be fully known is that in his sovereign wisdom God has chosen not to reveal some things:

Deuteronomy 29:29 - The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law”.²³

²⁰ <http://www.freesundayschoollessons.org/systematic-theology/attributes-of-god-lesson-12-other-attributes/>

²¹ <https://www.crossway.org/articles/how-god-is-both-incomprehensible-and-knowable-at-the-same-time/>

²² ibid

²³ ibid

Implications of God's Incomprehensibility

- Because God is incomprehensible we should be humble before God realizing that we will always have more to learn about God.

1 Peter 5:6-7 – ⁶ So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. ⁷ Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

- Because God is Incomprehensible we can believe Him and stand firm on His word.

Psalm 119:89-91 – ⁸⁹ Your eternal word, O LORD, stands firm in heaven. ⁹⁰ Your faithfulness extends to every generation, as enduring as the earth you created. ⁹¹ Your regulations remain true to this day, for everything serves your plans.

- God is one but at the same time triune
- Jesus is fully God and fully man
- God's sovereignty and man's responsibility

The Knowability of God

If we concentrate on the Incomprehensibility of God we can get discouraged because we are told to know Him. The Bible teaches us that we can know God. We can never understand God completely but we can know Him personally as our loving heavenly Father and Savior.

God is incomprehensible. This does not mean that He is confusing or nonsensical. God is knowable. The mission of the Son was to make the Father known (John 17:6). Jesus revealed the Father through His words and works and continues to make Him known (John 17:6, 8). The ministry of the Holy Spirit also enables us to understand the significance of both the Father and the Son. Because of this we can have real knowledge of God. Yet despite all that we can know about God and the fact that we can know Him relationally, we can never know Him exhaustively. We will continue to study the attributes of God for all eternity.²⁴

2 Peter 1:2-4 – ² May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord. ³ By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. ⁴ And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

John 17:3 - "This is life eternal, that they might know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."

²⁴ <https://www.todayintheword.org/issues/2004/12/theology-matters/>

Lesson 15: God is Immutable²⁵

Definition: God is unchanging and unchangeable

Malachi 3:6 – ⁶ “For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.

Hebrews 13:8 – ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

James 1:17 – ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

Joshua 23:14 – ¹⁴ “Behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth. And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one word of them has failed.

Hebrew 6:17-18 – ¹⁷ Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, ¹⁸ that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

Deuteronomy 32:4 – He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.

Isaiah 26:4 - ⁴ Trust in the LORD forever, For in YAH, the LORD, is everlasting strength.

Numbers 23:19 - God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfill?”

Our Response to God Never Changing (Immutable)

- Because God never changes we can trust Him.

Proverbs 3:5-6 - ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart And lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

- Because God never changes His word is reliable

Isaiah 55:11 – ¹¹ So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

- Because God never changes we can be sure He loves us

1 Chronicles 16:34 – ³⁴ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

Romans 8:38-39 ³⁸ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

²⁵ <http://www.freesundayschoollessons.org/systematic-theology/attributes-of-god-lesson-12-other-attributes/>

- Because God never changes we can be sure He forgives us

1 John 1:9–2:2 - ⁹ But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts. ¹¹ My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. ¹² He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

- Because God never changes we can be sure He has a plan for our life.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 - ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. ¹² In those days when you pray, I will listen. ¹³ If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

- Because God never changes we can be sure of who He is.

Psalms 90:2 - “Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.”

- Because God never changes we can be sure He will sustain us in hard times.

Psalms 4:8 - “In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety.”

Psalms 147:5 - “Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.”

Immutability of God

The Immutability of God gives us comfort and security in who we are and who God is. Knowing God does not change provides us with a spiritual and moral anchor in a rapidly changing culture. When we are pulled in many directions and are searching for answers, we can know that God is constant, dependable, and faithful to help us when we ask. God is our Rock. His character, His love for us and His faithfulness to us will never change.